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# Kennedy Plans for Talk With Top-Level Briefings

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Following briefings at the State Department, Pentagon and CIA, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) said last night he hopes to deliver a "thoughtful commentary" on foreign and defense policy tomorrow.

He also reaffirmed he has no intention of dropping out of the presidential campaign.

Kennedy canceled a four-day campaign swing through New England after his defeat by President Carter in the Iowa precinct caucuses last week, and scheduled a major speech tomorrow at Georgetown University.

Yesterday, he arranged a series of briefings with administration officials, which appeared intended to build up suspense about the contents of the speech—which follows Carter's State of the Union address by less than a week.

Kennedy was briefed for about 45 minutes by Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, and said the pair talked about Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and other issues. He also met with CIA officials at his Senate office.

Then he went to the Pentagon for an hour-long session with Defense

Secretary Harold Brown and Gen. David Jones, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"I will certainly take these matters into consideration in any comments or statements I make about foreign policy and defense policy," said Kennedy. "I'd like to as a result of these meetings and my other study of these matters, I'd like to make my views known in a thoughtful commentary and I expect to and will do so on Monday."

Asked if there was any possibility of his pulling out of the presidential race, he replied, "No."

Kennedy met Friday in New York with U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, presumably about the situation in Iran, in preparation for the speech.